Downsizing Government staff

†1748. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to downsize Government staff;

(b) if so, whether Government have also decided to reduce the number of posts of the All India Services;

(c) if so, the percentage of posts to be reduced; and

(d) by when, the said decision would be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a)Yes, Sir.(b) to (d) The decision for downsizing is applicable to the Central Government Ministries/Departments/Organisations.The All India Services are constituted under the All India Services Act and Regulations framed thereunder. They serve both the State Governments and Central Government and therefore do not strictly fall within these guidelines. The All India Services cadres are constituted for each State or group of States and the strength is decided in consultation with the State Government or State Governments. The strength of these cadres is reviewed normally at intervals of five years by the Central Government in consultation with the State Government or State Governments concerned, keeping in view the present strength, specific needs of the States, attrition, the need for new incumbents etc.

Secrecy in administration

†1749. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn towards the statement made by the Attorney General of India to the effect the secrecy in the administration is the main reasons for corruption prevalent there;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the details of the measures taken by Government during the last three years to remove the secrecy in the administration and bring transparency therein?

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